

numbers of tourists, such as Honolulu, Las Vegas, Orlando, Los Angeles, New Orleans, San Francisco, Miami and countless other communities across the nation.

I also believe that there are significant misconceptions about the spousal travel deduction. It has been unfairly characterized as wealthy businessmen traveling to exotic locations and deducting the expenses of the wife. The reality is the deduction has been much more frequently taken by traveling salesmen and saleswomen and small business owners attending trade shows or soliciting business in trips across the around the nation. It was a middle-income tax, not an abuse exploited by the wealthiest. The wealthy have tax shelters that pale the spousal travel deduction, shelters not available to the working men and women of our country. The vast majority of beneficiaries solid, hard-working, tax-paying Americans with a couple of kids, trying to make ends meet. Those are the people we should be designing the tax system to give a fair shake.

I will be working in the next weeks and months in this Congress to move this legislation forward. Any tax reform or reduction legislation should address this issue. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress to making enactment of this bill a reality.

CONGRATULATING SHERIFF TIM HUTCHISON

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchison on being named National Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriff's Association.

A twenty-three year veteran of the Knox County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Hutchison became sheriff in 1990, the first time a person within the department has been elected to the top position.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Hutchison has done an outstanding job bringing national recognition to the largest law enforcement agency in east Tennessee. Along with the fine men and women of the Knox County Sheriff's Department, he has done much to modernize the agency. The number of department employees has grown to nearly 1,000, including three hundred sworn officers and four hundred correctional officers.

Under Sheriff Hutchison's tenure, a new residential training facility was built using inmate labor and drug seizure money, virtually eliminating any expense to the taxpayer. This facility has graduated more than 120 certified officers from Knox and surrounding counties, easing the backlog at the state law enforcement training facility.

Sheriff Hutchison is quick to share this honor with the men and women of the Knox County Sheriff's Department. Knox County has become one of the best law enforcement agencies in the country and it is without a doubt a credit to the vision and leadership of Tim Hutchison.

CELEBRATING THE INCORPORATION OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, It is my pleasure to congratulate the City of Lake Mary, Florida on its twenty fifth anniversary of incorporation.

The City of Lake Mary began in the 1800's as two settlements on the shore of the lake for which it is named. The area was originally know as Bent's Station, named after a man who lived there and planted several large orange groves. Later, a minister, J. F. Sundell, moved to the area with the lake's namesake, his wife Mary. The first seeds of the city that now prospers there were planted in Seminole County, whose history dates back to the Seminole Indian wars in the 1800's.

The town was built between Sanford and Orlando along the route of a narrow gauge railroad. While Lake Mary's beginnings date back to the 19th century it was officially incorporated as a city on August 7, 1973. In 1923 the first Lake Mary Chamber of Commerce was established. By the 1960's the area was being surrounded by new developments. To establish its distinct personality as a community the Chamber of Commerce successfully passed a referendum establishing the City of Lake Mary in 1973.

Today the City has grown beyond its original scope as a citrus and agriculture community to become the corporate home for some of America's largest companies. Lake Mary has preserved much of the natural beauty that intermingles with handsome residential neighborhoods of the City even in the midst of growth. I am extremely pleased to watch Lake Mary blossom as it provides an outstanding locale for people to live, work and retire. Lake Mary is a great example of an American community with citizens, municipal leaders and local businessmen and women coming together over the years to make their city outstanding in every respect.

It is my distinct honor to represent such a model community as the City of Lake Mary.

Congratulations Lake Mary on your first twenty five years!

GEANNCARLO LUGO—THE FUTURE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, I rise before you today to praise Geanncarlo Lugo from my district who recently completed the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (UGSP). The NIH 10-week summer research program is open only to scholars who have either a 3.5 grade point average or are in the top 5 percent of their class. To be eligible, candidates must also be committed to pursuing a career in biomedical research. The UGSP was set up for students who might not traditionally have research training opportunities. It was designed to improve access to undergraduate

education that leads to careers in biomedical research, and to nurture scholarship recipients' interest in the NIH for their research training after graduation.

Geanncarlo is only one of 24 scholars selected in a nationwide competition for this prestigious program, and his journey to NIH this summer has been a long one. He put himself through Southwestern College and then San Diego State University (SDSU), even working on immunological research at the Scripps Research Institute while attending school. He graduated from SDSU with his bachelor's degree in molecular and cellular biology and plans to pursue his doctorate in immunology at the University of California at Berkeley, where he has been accepted. But first, he will spend a year at NIH, continuing his immunological studies and repaying his debt to the federal government for his participation in the program.

With scholars like Geanncarlo Lugo as the future of our biomedical research community, I am confident that many of our immunological mysteries will be solved.

A TRIBUTE TO JEROME ROBBINS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to mark the passing of one of the greatest, most innovative, and diversely talented artists of our time. Jerome Robbins, age 79, passed away last Wednesday night in his apartment in New York after suffering a stroke earlier last week.

Jerome Robbins loved the stage. From his early years in dance, to his illustrious and well marked career in choreography and directing, he put his entire self into his work. The integrity of his productions, the ability to roam the expanse of artistic expression without boundaries is what helped him make his mark. While his theater credits include such well known productions as "Gypsy," "West Side Story," and "Fiddler on the Roof," it was in ballet that he felt the freedom in which to create.

It was through this freedom that he helped give America its own identity in the world of ballet. His first ballet, "Fancy Free," later adapted into the Broadway musical "On the Town," was Jerome's attempt to create a style of dance belonging to the United States. The youthful spirit of the show combined traditional ballet with more popular dances like the Lindie. Jerome created a dance that was the face of America.

Jerome captured the spirit of the country and proudly displayed it on stage. He was an innovator, a paradigm, a great artist whose absence will be felt in the ballet and theater community for a long, long time.

WELFARE REFORM ACT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the success of one of the Republican Congress' greatest achievements, the

Welfare Reform Act. As you know, we will soon be celebrating the second anniversary of the Welfare Reform Act, which was signed into law on August 22, 1996. Today, we can proudly proclaim that our critics could not have been more wrong about the effect of this legislation. Despite the predictions of many of our colleagues from across the aisle and those in the administration who insisted we were wrong, our plan to end welfare has proved successful beyond all expectations.

Mr. Speaker, the numbers speak for themselves. Welfare rolls have dropped 37 percent since their peak in 1994 and 27 percent since enactment of the Welfare Reform Plan. More importantly, we've ended the old practice of rewarding people for doing the wrong thing. Today's welfare recipients are required to work and enter job placement programs. Gone are the days when an able-bodied person could sit at home and collect a bigger check each time they added another dependent child to their family.

We have not only changed an unhealthy mind-set in America, we've save taxpayers endless amounts of money. In the 30 years before a Republican Congress reformed welfare, American taxpayers spent \$5 trillion on a program that had virtually no effect in reducing poverty or improving lives.

Mr. Speaker, Americans want to lead productive lives. We've not only given the thousands of people on welfare rolls the benefit of the doubt, we've given them a chance. Our efforts have helped end a vicious cycle that trapped people into dependency. I am proud to have been a part of this historic effort and I commend my colleagues for helping to make welfare reform a reality.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS V. KARABAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last week, our community lost one of its brightest lights with the passing of Thomas V. Karaban of Atlantic Highlands, NJ. Mr. Karaban, who died on Saturday, August 1, 1998, at the age of 53, gave up a lucrative career on Wall Street to found a children's charity, the Rainbow Foundation. Since its founding in 1984, the Rainbow Foundation has provided 3,000 children in New Jersey with wheelchairs, Christmas presents, air fare to hospitals and other needs. While we mourn his loss, Mr. Karaban's life is a cause for great celebration. His legacy of trying to ease the sorrow of gravely ill children will endure for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, the story of Tom Karaban is one of those inspirational, "only in America" success stories—but, in the case of Mr. Karaban, success is measured in terms of what he gave back and how he enriched others. A native of Brooklyn, NY, Mr. Karaban worked for Chase Manhattan Bank and Eastman Dillion Union Securities before becoming Deputy Fiscal Agent for Fannie Mae, the fed-

eral national mortgage association. In 1983, while serving as a senior partner at Chapdelaine Government Securities, he became seriously ill and took a one-year medical leave. It was during that year that he got involved in fundraising for a child from Colts Neck, NJ, who was seriously ill. As his son, Edward, recalled in *The Asbury Park Press*, "He found his calling then." The following year, he started up the Rainbow Foundation, working out of an empty bedroom in his family's Middletown, NJ, home. The first donation to the Foundation was \$200,000 from the Karaban family's savings account. Eventually, Mr. Karaban devoted himself full-time to the administration of the Rainbow Foundation, leaving behind his Wall Street career.

Mr. Karaban was widely honored for his years of dedication and devoted service to children in need. In 1995, Governor Whitman honored him with the Madeline Worthy Williams Youth Advocacy Award, one of the annual Governor's Awards, which are the highest honor the state can bestow on an individual. He has also been honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, the New Jersey National Association of Social Workers, and New Jersey Monthly Magazine, among others. He served on a variety of organizations, including the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, to which he was appointed in 1990 by former Governor Thomas Kean, the Knights of Columbus, Vince Lombardi Council, Middletown, the Bishop McFaul Assembly, the Middletown Police Department Advisory Board and he was an honorary chairperson of Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary's Grammar School, New Monmouth. He was a member of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, where he was a lector and Eucharistic minister.

Mr. Speaker, it was about two years ago that Mr. Karaban began treatment for cancer. Throughout this personal ordeal, Mr. Karaban retained his optimism and his deep religious faith never wavered. Indeed, as his family and his many, many friends were aware, it was his abiding faith that sustained Mr. Karaban's tireless and selfless dedication to helping children. When he passed away, Mr. Karaban was surrounded by his family and at peace.

Perhaps Mr. Karaban himself best summed up the motivation behind his inspiring commitment to serving others: "They say the greatest legacy anyone can leave is to leave the world a better place than you found it. I try very, very hard to practice faith. When you try to practice your faith, you want to love God. The easiest way I can love God is to love children. I can't put my arms around God, but I can put my arms around a kid."

Mr. Karaban leaves behind a loving family, including his wife, Margaret, two sons and a daughter, and many other relatives, as well as countless loyal friends who have been touched by his kindness, generosity and warmth. In what Tom would no doubt consider a fitting tribute, the Karaban family has asked that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Rainbow Foundation. To keep the Rainbow Foundation going strong would be the best tribute we could make to the life and work of Mr. Thomas V. Karaban.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EASTERN MONMOUTH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate the members of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce as they commemorate seventy years of service to Monmouth County and the local business community. An organization rich in history and deep in tradition, the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce is deserving of many well wishes as they celebrate this special event.

In June of 1928, twelve businessmen from Red Bank, New Jersey formed the Chamber of Commerce of Red Bank. Thanks to a continued history of dedicated leadership, this organization has grown far beyond the borders of Red Bank to become the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce.

Today, the organization serves the ten town area of Eatontown, Fair Haven, Little Silver, Monmouth Beach, Oceanport, Rumson, Sea Bright, Shrewsbury and Tinton Falls, as well as the original town, Red Bank. The Chamber draws its membership from all over Central New Jersey and beyond. In 1991 the group officially changed its name from the Red Bank Area Chamber of Commerce to the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, signifying the organizations continuing expansion.

The Chamber has not only served local businesses, but it has also served the entire county at large with excellence, exhibiting an admirable sense of community involvement. Some of the Chamber's most significant events include a celebration of Food and Jazz held every June in Marine Park and the Spinaker Awards which honor local citizens who have worked hard for the betterment of the communities in which they reside. This dedicated group of business leaders has also worked tirelessly for the expansion and improvement of local business through events such as Expo-Net, which allows local businesspeople to make the connections they need in order to thrive in today's market economy.

During the past two years, Money Magazine has rated Monmouth County as one of the best places in America to live. Without reservation, I believe that the role that the Chamber has played in the county has made a significant contribution in the county receiving that recognition. I again offer my congratulations to the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce for its seventy years of service to local communities and businesses and express my best wishes that this organization continue to grow and succeed in its pursuits throughout Monmouth County.